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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM MEDIA REACTION (9/11): "ENDLESS NEGOTIATIONS ARE NONSENSE"

Main Stories:

The three dailies lead with different topics on their front pages. Al-Quds leads with a Reuters' story about a September 10 report issued by Israel's B'Tselem human rights organization stating that Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank have annexed tens of thousands of acres of land, some of it privately owned by Palestinians. The story also features on other front pages and continues with a quote by Israeli settler leader Yishai Hollander, "It must be clear to B'Tselem that if their demands are heeded, it will be easier to murder Jews." Related coverage on all front pages reports that the West Bank village of Jayus, located near the 1967 border, has been sent a notice from the Israeli court requiring them to cede land for the construction of the "Apartheid Wall in order to limit the mobility of the Palestinian villagers," the reporting notes.

Al-Ayyam leads on its front page with an exclusive interview by U.S. Consul General Jake Walles, granted on September 10. Walles touches on the topics of borders, U.S. role in negotiations, refugee issues, settlement expansion, and the missions of General Frazer and Jones in the region. Al-Ayyam reports the same news on page 7.

Al-Hayat Al-Jadida leads with news from Wafa that one Palestinian was killed and another wounded by Israeli military gunfire, as the army "invaded" the West Bank city of Nablus on September 10, in an attempt to kidnap an Al Aqsa Brigades militant. The same news is highlighted on other front pages.

The September 10 meeting between U.S. Consul General Walles and Palestinian Authority President Abbas is front page news in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida. Citing Wafa, the story explains that Abbas briefed Walles on the latest developments in the Palestinian Territories,

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and efforts by the Palestinian side to push the peace process forward. The news also appears on the second page of Al-Quds.

News of the U.S. Consulate's book donation to a girls' school in Akraba, near the West Bank city of Nablus on September 8, appears in Al-Quds on page 14.

BLOCK QUOTES:

¶ 1. Independent Al-Ayyam runs an editorial by daily columnist Abdullah Awwad entitled, "What comes after Negotiations?!" (9/11): "[T]he conflict in Palestine since the beginning [has been a]... conflict rooted in several clashes: between an old and new history...between the geographic contours of settlements and Palestinian [land], between Palestinian demographics and settlement demographics. This is the core of the conflict that has not changed since the beginning of negotiations in Madrid and Oslo...the presence of Israeli forces and settlements is part of the conflict...the endless negotiations...the endless truce...are nonsense...they are only a means to implement the Zionist project based on a status-quo that has existed since the beginning..."

WALLES